

SHREVEPORT FIRE

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Security Bars

Where security devices are used on windows and doors, it is important to remember that whatever keeps others from entering your home, can keep you and those you love from getting out. Make sure that everyone in the family knows how to use any release devices in the event of an emergency. Bars on windows should have quick release devices if they are installed on windows in a room where someone sleeps. Test these devices at least twice a year to make sure they are working properly. Doors that require a key to open them from either side



when they are locked should have the keys left in them on the interior side at night. Someone getting to that door without a key, or dropping a key in the smoke may never get out!

Regardless of how you got out of the building, go to the predetermined meeting place. Remember, if there is a fire in your home, get out and stay out. Practice your plan and take it seriously.

Unsafe vs. Approved Security Bars

WHAT ARE "UNSAFE" SECURITY BARS?

- Ones that cannot be opened at all
- Cannot be opened quickly
- Require:
 - A key
 - Special Knowledge
 - o A Separate Tool
 - Extra Physical Effort to Open

"<u>APPROVED</u>" SECURITY BARS ARE

THOSE THAT:

• Can be easily opened from the inside.